

TOPIC	CURRENT PRACTICE
Who identifies encampments?	Law enforcement, word of mouth, people experiencing homelessness, local health centers/hospitals
Who performs outreach?	DSAMH PATH-funded outreach teams and Bridge Clinic encampment teams ShelterConnect
Who decides when action is taken?	
Law enforcement role	New NOFO – HUD wants to see partnerships with law enforcement Community partners involved in street outreach and encampment response; there's a need to strengthen coordination among law enforcement and other outreach partners.
Public health role	The committee identified prioritizing health and safety as a best practice for encampment response and discussed strengthening partnerships with healthcare providers.
Behavioral health role	DSAMH PATH-funded outreach teams and Bridge Clinic encampment teams connect individuals experiencing homelessness to behavioral health treatment, supportive housing, and public benefits.
Shelter providers	Identified as community partners in street outreach and encampment responses; committee discussed strengthening partnerships among shelters and outreach partners.

Municipal government	
County government	
State government	
Follow-up after outreach	Connections to behavioral health treatment, supportive housing, public benefits, coordinated entry, shelter access, and permanent housing were discussed as components of the broader homelessness response system.
Funding Sources	PATH, Home for Good, Continuum of Care, and ShelterConnect
Strengths	Established provider relationships, mobile case management, and strong local partnerships.
Challenges	Limited housing stock, fragmented communication among agencies, inconsistent coordination with community partners, need for improved information sharing across systems